

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO EXAMINE THE NEED TO  
3 EXPAND THE GUADALUPE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.  
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5 WHEREAS, the state's correctional system is a key  
6 component of the state's public safety strategy, separating  
7 violent offenders from law-abiding residents and offering  
8 valuable programs to rehabilitate offenders prior to their  
9 release; and

10 WHEREAS, the state has ambitiously worked to expand the  
11 capacity of its prison system to safely accommodate an  
12 ever-growing inmate population by contracting with private  
13 prison operators and housing inmates out of state; and

14 WHEREAS, despite the recent expansions in prison  
15 capacity, New Mexico's prison system is once again nearing  
16 its capacity for male inmates, creating a potentially  
17 dangerous and unmanageable situation; and

18 WHEREAS, the privately owned and operated Guadalupe  
19 county correctional facility, with a capacity for six hundred  
20 inmates and an actual population near that number, is located  
21 conveniently along interstate 40, which makes the  
22 transportation of inmates, delivery of supplies and  
23 visitation of inmates' family members relatively easy; and

24 WHEREAS, the Guadalupe county correctional facility is a  
25 modern correctional facility and was designed to be expanded

1 relatively easily;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the corrections department be  
4 requested to examine the need for, feasibility of and other  
5 issues regarding the possible expansion of the Guadalupe  
6 county correctional facility by fifty-two cells to  
7 accommodate an additional one hundred four inmates; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the corrections department  
9 report its findings and recommendations, if any, to the first  
10 session of the forty-eighth legislature and provide two  
11 copies of the report to the legislative council service  
12 library; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the secretary of corrections. \_\_\_\_\_

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